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DAKOTA SHORT BED: If the truck has dual pipe exhaust, it may be necessary to lower the exhaust bracket to clear the hitch bracket. It may also be necessary to loosen the spare tire and push it forward.

- 2. FOR 96-PRESENT: Align the brackets with the existing holes in the frame. Install hardware as shown above.
- 3. **FOR 86-95:** Clamp the hitch against the frame. The large holes in the brackets are to clear the rivet on short bed models. On long bed models, locate the rear hole 1" forward of the end of the frame flange.

- 4. Drill 1/2" holes in the frame to match the holes in the brackets. Install 1/2" carriage bolts with bolt plates down through the frame. Install 1/2" lock washers and 1/2" nuts onto the 1/2" bolts. See the diagram on the other side.
- 5. Tighten the six 3/8" nuts on the side brackets until the bolt heads seat.
- 6. Torque 1/2" nuts to 75 ft.*lb. Torque 3/8" nuts to 35 ft.*lb.

FORD FLARESIDE WITH ROLLED PAN

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- 2. Clamp the hitch against the frame. Position it so the side brackets clear the pan and there is room for the bolt head and wrench in front of the crossmember. Make sure the fronts of the brackets are outboard far enough to center the holes in the frame flange.
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